SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION: MIDDLESEX COUNTY

## **ASBESTOS LITIGATION**

**Docket No:** L-4617-13 (AS)

ESTATE OF FRANK ZELESNIK,

Plaintiff(s),

VS.

3M COMPANY, et al

Defendant(s).

**Civil Action** 

**CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER XV** 

This matter coming in for a Case Management Conference before Special Master Agatha N. Dzikiewicz and the following parties on *June 7*, 2019:

FIRM	ATTORNEY	CLIENT
Levy Konigsberg	Robert Ellis	Plaintiff(s)
Caruso Smith Picini	Thomas M. Rogers	CertainTeed; Union Carbide
Margolis Edelstein	Jeanine D. Clark	Central Jersey Supply
Marshall Dennehey	Paul Johnson	Warren Pumps; Kaiser Gypsum
McElroy Deutsch	Jospeh D. Rasnek	Flowserve US Inc.; Exxon
McGivney Kluger	Caitlin Bodtmann	Binsky & Snyder
Pascarella DiVita	Stpehanie DiVita	Ingersoll Rand

IT IS on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 2019 effective from the conference date;

#### ORDERED as follows:

Counsel receiving this Order through computerized electronic medium (E-Mail) shall be deemed by the court to have received a copy of the filed original court document. Any document served pursuant to this Order shall be deemed to be served by mail pursuant to *R*.1:5-2.

Any jurisdictional motions must be filed in accordance with the Court Rules or be waived.

Any *forum non conveniens* motions must be filed as soon as practicable; once sufficient discovery is conducted so that the motion may be properly brought.

# **EARLY SETTLEMENT**

August 30, 2019 Fact discovery, including depositions, shall be completed by this date. Plaintiff's counsel

shall contact the Special Master within one week of this deadline if all fact discovery is not

completed.

August 30, 2019 Depositions of corporate representatives shall be completed by this date.

## **EARLY SETTLEMENT**

January 10, 2020 Settlement demands shall be served on all counsel and the Special Master by this date.

## MEDICAL EXPERT REPORT

October 31, 2019 Plaintiff shall serve medical expert reports by this date.

October 31, 2019 Upon request by defense counsel, plaintiff is to arrange for the transfer of pathology

specimens and x-rays, if any, by this date.

February 7, 2020 Defendants shall identify its medical experts and serve medical expert reports, if

any, by this date.

## **LIABILITY EXPERT REPORTS**

October 31, 2019 Plaintiff shall identify its liability experts and serve liability expert reports by this

date or waive any opportunity to rely on liability expert testimony.

February 7, 2020 Defendants shall identify its liability experts and serve liability expert reports, if

any, by this date or waive any opportunity to rely on liability expert testimony.

## SUMMARY JUDGMENT MOTION PRACTICE

November 8, 2019 Plaintiff's counsel shall advise, in writing, of intent not to oppose motions by this

date.

November 22, 2019 Summary judgment motions shall be filed no later than this date.

December 20, 2019 Last return date for summary judgment motions.

# **ECONOMIST EXPERT REPORTS**

October 31, 2019 Plaintiff shall identify its expert economists and serve expert economist report(s), if

any, by this date or waive any opportunity to rely on economic expert testimony.

February 7, 2020 Defendants shall identify its expert economists and serve expert economist

report(s), if any, by this date or waive any opportunity to rely on economic expert

testimony.

# **EXPERT DEPOSITIONS**

March 9, 2020 Expert depositions shall be completed by this date. To the extent that plaintiff and

defendant generic experts have been deposed before, the parties seeking that deposition in this case must file an application before the Special Master and demonstrate the necessity for that deposition. To the extent possible, documents requested in a deposition notice directed to an expert shall be produced three days

in advance of the expert deposition. The expert shall not be required to produce documents that are readily accessible in the public domain.

# PRE-TRIAL AND TRIAL

To be scheduled Settlement conference.

April 6, 2020 Trial Date. (The January 13, 2020 trial is adjourned to this date.)

Plaintiff's counsel shall serve a copy of this Order upon any additional counsel immediately upon receipt.

/s/ Ana C. Viscomi
ANA C. VISCOMI, J.S.C.

cc: Clerk, Mass Tort